The Round-Up

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Awards Assembly Marks '72''s Last

Recognition for this year's outstanding students will take place this morning at 8:15 in the gymnasium. In honoring these students for their activities all year, various citations and plaque spaces will be awarded.

The Student Council Award will be given to all representatives and alternates of our 10th council. This will be highlighted by swearing-in ceremonies for next year's officers.

West's Mustang Award will be given to a Freshman male and female for their qualifications in athletic ability, leadership, character and scholarship. The gym teachers are responsible for the award. The winners' names will be engraved on the award's plaques. The recipients will also receive a pin in recognition.

Band Awards will be presented to all ninth grade band and orchestra members who received 24 or more merits. Merits are points given for extra band activities in solos and ensembles, Band Council, and other duties. The Concert Band will be present to add a musical touch to the assembly.

Chorus Awards will go to members of the Westernettes, the Mustang Singers and other groups. The Musicianship Award will be awarded to the most outstanding vocalist. This award is given for vocal musicianship and citizenship.

The American Legion Award will be awarded to an outstanding Freshman girl and boy for leadership, scholarship, character and service. The faculty recommends the recipients of the award.

"Best From West," another Freshman award, will be given to a boy and girl also for leadership, scholarship and character. The award winners will be chosen by the faculty and the 9th grade. The award goes to the two students that best exemplify the above qualities.

Other awards to be given are those for cheerleading, gym assistants, The Round-Up Staff, library club members and assistants, office assistants, honor roll students and the Lariat.

The Spirit Jug will be given by the cheerleaders to the class who best shows school spirit. Last year's jug was won by the Ninth graders, class of '71. To rephrase it better, the class with the biggest mouths.

School Activities

Exam Schedule

Monday, June 9	
1st hour	8:30-10:00
2nd hour	10:15-11:45
Tuesday, June 10	
3rd hour	8:30-10:00
4th hour	10:15-11:45
Wednesday, June 11	
5th hour	8:30-10:00
6th hour	10:15-11:45
Thursday, June 12	
7th hour	8:30-10:00
make-up exams	10:15-11:45

School is rapidly drawing to a close. Exams will be starting next week, Monday, June 9th, through Thursday, June 12th. (See schedule above)

The summer school program will be June 23rd through August 8th. The charge for Ypsilanti Residents is $15.00 for each two hour class and $30.00 for each four hour class. The textbook rental fee is 50¢ for each class enrollment. All students must register Monday, June 16th, through Friday, June 20th.

The 1969-1970 school year for West Junior High Students will begin September 3rd when classes resume.

Reactions Given To New High School

The property owners of Ypsilanti passed a bond issue May 19, 1969, for a new Ypsilanti High School. Here are some of the 7th grade reactions.

Ronnie Barfield- "It's all right, but since we're only going to be there one year they should have built it sooner."

Barb Bell- "I'm glad it's going to be built because we'll be the first ones to go to it."

Jim Calder- "I think it's great because I wouldn't want to step a foot in the old one."

Ellis Freetman-"Pretty good----it's about time!"

Debbie Johnson- "Groovy, groovy, groovy!"

Anthony Weatherspoon- "I'd rather go to the old one."

Bernard Brown- "It's O.K. I like it."

Lena Bowles- "It's O.K."

Kim Anderson- "We sure do need one!"

Jackie Williams- "To tell the truth I think it's a good idea because the old one is pitiful, and the walls might fall apart."

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

by Barb Brower

It was a very good year---1968-69---especially for the Freshmen. We had some bad times, the boring days and difficult assignments, but we had our good times, too.

Remember the day Sue Vargo got her finger stuck in the typewriter desk? Mr. Livedoti came down and helped her get it out. Dr. Livedoti's last words as he went out the door were, "I'll send you my bill."

Then there was another day in the history of West when one of Charlie Brown's all stars, Bob Fidler, got hit with a softball. As it turned out, he fractured his nose and got two black eyes.

At lunch one day, Gretchen Woods was drinking her milk and somebody made her laugh. It was too bad for those sitting across from her, who were Cheri Borton, Julie Willoughby, and Barb Brower. They all got a nice cool shower of white milk.

There have been lots of fun times on the Round-Up Staff, too. For instance, Marga Eaton and Judy Davis got themselves locked in the showcase.

Every new year has new fads, and 1968-69 had some wild ones. Among them are bellbottoms (the most popular), saddle shoes, and white shoes. The bellbottom fad was started mainly by John Crawford, Rich Nisbet, Greg Spiess, Dave Haushalter, and the rest of that gang. The only two Freshmen that have "conformed" to wearing saddle shoes are Kathy Roberts and Pam Hall. Dane Fortney has spent the year in white shoes. You never lose sight of him.

Bands Anticipate Change

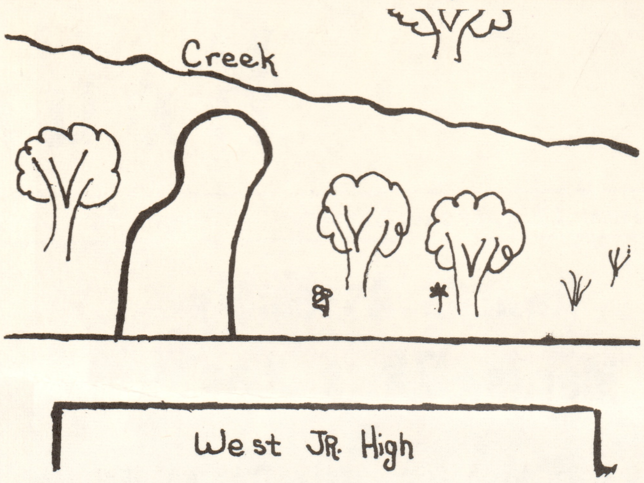
Next year there is going to be a change in the band set-up here at West because of the growing number of young instrumentalists.

The new set-up consists of three bands. The first will be the concert band, which will be made up of the ninth graders and the more advanced eighth graders. This band will go to band festival and have 75 to 80 members. It will continue to meet 4th hour.

The second band will be the remainder of the eighth graders and will be about 30 in number. This band is planning to meet 7th hour. (The orchestra is to be moved up to 1st hour.)

The seventh grade, or cadet band, will remain the same. The will have about 60 7th graders and will meet 6th hour.

We all hope this change works out and that the bands continue to be as good as they have been in the past. Don't work Mr. Townsend too hard, though, O.K.?



Students Construct Nature Trail

Science classes at West are currently constructing a nature trail in the woods behind the school.

The path is a dirt track that goes to within twenty yards of the creek and then returns. It is lined with many trees and flowers, including wild geraniums, spring beauty, wood anemone and mayapple.

Students work on the trail during their science classes, clearing underbrush, transplanting flowers and watching insects.

Mr. Mecham said that though they weren't very far yet, they planned to have signs identifying various wildlife and plants, and that they hoped students would enjoy the trail.

Mr. Schielke added that he hoped the trail would be used for legitimate purposes and not what most nature trails were used for.

Kouncil Korner

The last meeting of the W.J.H. Student Council was held on Tuesday, May 27, 1969. They have concluded another sucessful year of hard work and planning. Among some of the Council's projects many deserve honorable mention such as: The Council's annual Arbor Day; their contribution of almost $100.00 dollars to Biafra; the talent show; and another successful Freshmen Farewell. Another thing that deserves alot of recognition is the Mustang in the middle of the gym floor--- sort of a gift from our departing Freshmen.

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RECAP OF '68-'69 SPORTS

by Dane Fortney

In many opinions around Ypsilanti, we have experienced three of the best years in athletics in the history of the school. Since the Freshmen are leaving the spring I thought that I would like to reminisce about some of the highlights that brought the class of "72" to such heights.

The first sport the Freshmen could play in the 7th grade was basketball. In their first year they coasted through eight games without a loss.

The following year, as eighth graders, the schedule was cut to five games. That year they were 5-0 on the season. Everything was going along fine; then the changeover came. When the guys came out for the cage team in '68 they had a new coach and there was a feeling of fun and togetherness that wasn't present in the years before. The team really felt good and after a few weeks of practice, almost everyone on the team felt that they could run their 13 straight wins up to 23.

At the start of the season it looked like the feelings were right. The Mustangs ripped through their first few games with out a scare. Then disaster struck! West traveled to Adrian and played a team that they had beaten by 30 pts. on their own floor. West was cold at the start and Adrian took an early lead. Nobody seemed worried on the West side for they knew that their team was cold and didn't expect them to stay that way.

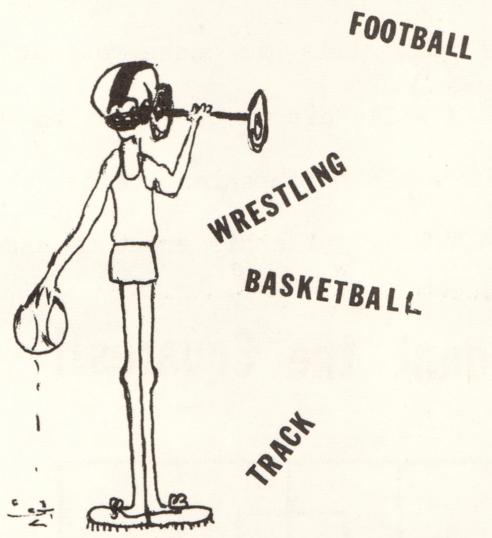
However the team didn't jell and West went into the locker room down by six. The Mustangs came out hot and quickly gained the lead. Then, as suddenly as it came, the team lost its touch. The inevitable followed. They went behind again. Although West fought back gallantly their attempt was in vain. At the end of the game stunned disbelieving team filed into the lockeroom thinking only one thing. Three years of hard work and determination shot in a couple of hours. Although they breezed through the rest of the season without a loss they finished their careers with a 22-1 record for the three years.

In the fall of 1968 many eager eighth graders came out for the first contact sport of their junior high careers. The eighth grade has only one game, against East. In a defensive battle, West won 13-0.

In the ninth grade the schedule is lengthened to five games. The team crushed their first three contests with ease. Then came Belleville. An unprepared team went to Belleville a day early, when a call came through that the game was a day earlier. As a result West's Freshmen were defeated and another perfect record was shattered. However in the big game with East, West won 33-13 finish with a 4-1 mark.

Wrestling is one of the sports that is not divided into grade levels. In this sport seventh and eighth graders don't get to see much action. However, there are exceptions. In the eighth grade with some underclassmen on the team, West was defeated by Belleville to mar an otherwise perfect record. After that they got tough and breezed through the last half of that season and all of the next to give them a 29-1 record for the three year span.

Track is the only other sport in which there is only one team. This season is the first year that most of the guys got any recognition. (You have to be an exceptional eighth grader to get into the ninth grade meets) This years track team finished the year with a fine 4-1 dual meet record. In the last meet they combined with East to whip Adrian 100-13.



Freshmen Bid Farewell

The annual Freshmen Farewell was held on May 29th. With a very large turnout, the dance seemed to be a success for everyone.

With the theme of the Farewell being "Take a Trip" the decorations carried through the theme of travel. In the corners of the cafetorium, where it was held, the decoration committee had set up different countries. Those countries were Mexico, China, and Arabia. The teachers' lunch room was a hippie pad. John Crawford, Dave Haushalter, and Greg Spiess helped to decorate the room with psychedelic lights, music, and posters.

All refreshments were served in the French Cafe' set up in the front hall. Cake, ice cream and pop were furnished by the Student Council.

Ninth grade girls received daisies at the door.

Committee Chairmen were Jenny Crittenden, Francine Patillo, Bill Moffet, and Mimi Willoughby.

WILLS: CLASS OF '72

MARGA EATON wills her 36-22-36 (locker combination) to BETTY CALDER.

LYNN GRAVES wills the Lariat and the Ypsi High darkroom to KENT SIEMERS and NANCY WOOD.

GARY ZIEGLER wills his football locker to RICK ("the punk") HESSON.

BARB BROWER wills her natural curly hair to AL GWYLT.

CARA SCROGES wills the needle out of her left foot to DENNIS HINES.

MARY BELL wills her muscles to anyone who needs them.

GARY WOLTERS wills his freckles and braces to MIKE KEMP.

BOB MCSPADDEN wills all his soul to GRADY RICE.

JOHNNIE TAYLOR wills his southern accent to BARB BELL.

DANE FORTNEY wills his "440" legs to RICHARD THACKER.

STEVE SMITH wills his gaps to BILLY BROWN.

RAY CASEY wills his World War I flying helmet to FRANK ARMSTRONG.

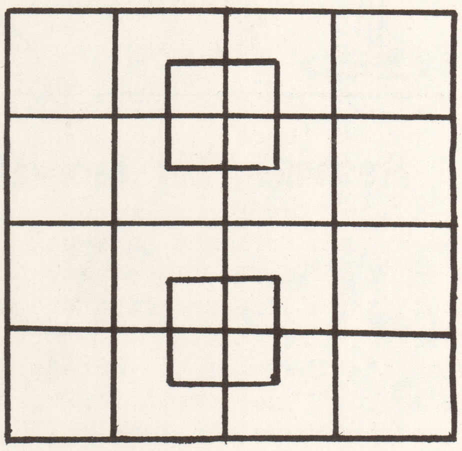
GLEN WEATHERS wills his cashmere coat to CHUCK WOLF.

PETE AVERY wills his muscle shirt to DAVE NELSON.

MIKE WARD wills his Spanish grades (which are bad) to any little napper.

BILLY EASTERDAY wills his great attendence record to JACKIE MCKEE.

Count the Squares!!



How many squares can you find in this figure? There are forty all together.

Answer to Counting Squares

If the total length of the side of the figure is 4 inches, then counting the squares of each size we have:

½ inch x ½ inch = 8 squares
1 inch x 1 inch = 18 squares
2 inches x 2 inches = 9 squares
3 inches x 3 inches = 4 squares
4 inches x 4 inches = 1 square

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should fail to learn this junk,
I pray the Lord that I won't flunk.
When I die don't pity me at all,
just lay my bones in Study Hall.
Tell my teacher I did my best,
So now I lay me down to rest,
But if I should die before I wake,
That's one less test I'll have to take.

By Josephine Richison

GUESS WHO?

Who is this small girl? She's in the ninth grade, plays the drums, and she started at West in the middle of the year.

CINDY CLEMENTS, that's who!